

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS

News of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the State and Arranged For Busy Readers

Against Tuberculosis.

Miss Susie S. Revenel, employed by the Aiken Tuberculosis League as a nurse, is assisting the league in its work for the prevention of the white plague. The league has been very active since the inauguration of a war against consumption. Although the league has been organized only a few weeks, practical results are now being obtained and the people are being instructed in the means of preventing the disease.

In recent years that means this dread disease has been reduced, and this knowledge is being disseminated among the people. The principal object for the league in this country. No dues are paid for membership in the league, but voluntary subscriptions are being received by the officers of the prosecution of the work. Many of the Northern visitors have liberally helped in this work.

Miss Revenel has already commenced her work. She devotes the forenoons to the work; making visits to all parties who may need her assistance, which is given, not from a charitable standpoint, but as a matter of giving valuable suggestions for the caring of patients, prevention of the spread to other members of the family and to persons with whom infected persons may come in contact. Miss Revenel has had long experience as a nurse, and she has entered the work with spirit. She will make periodical reports to the president of the league, Dr. Fillmore Moore.

The trained nurse will conduct her work in conjunction with the board of health. Miss Revenel will also consult with the physicians of the city and work in conjunction with them. Cases that are reported to her as needing assistance or advice she will visit. The object of this, of course, to prevent the further spread of the disease, and it is stated that where persons refuse to heed friendly and voluntary suggestions for sanitation and safety of the people against tuberculosis, such cases will be referred to the board of health to take such action as they see fit for public safety.

Governor Ansel Names Staff.

Columbia, Special.—Governor M. F. Ansel has issued the following: "I do hereby make the following appointments as the military staff of the Governor, to wit: Assistant Adjutant General, Wm. T. Broek, colonel, Columbia; quartermaster general, Wm. F. Stevenson, colonel, Cheraw; Judge Advocate General, Benjamin A. Morgan, colonel, Greenville; commissary general, Robert P. Hamer, Jr., colonel, Hamer, S. C.; chief of ordnance, David W. Daniel, colonel, Clemson College; aides de camp, William W. Moore, colonel, Barnwell; Jos. G. Wardlaw, colonel, Yorkville; Daniel O. Herbert, colonel, Orangeburg; military secretary to Governor, Chas. H. Cabanis, colonel, Columbia; aides de camp, David R. Geer, lieutenant colonel, Belton; Francis S. Evans, lieutenant colonel, Greenwood; Alvin Etheredge, lieutenant colonel, Saluda; William Banks, lieutenant colonel, Columbia; Thos. B. Butler, lieutenant colonel, Gaffney; Saml. T. McGravy, lieutenant colonel, Spartanburg; Hal T. Buck, lieutenant colonel, Conway.

(Signed) M. F. Ansel, Governor."

Wind and Rain Saved Johnston.

Johnston, Special.—At 9:40 o'clock Tuesday the cry of fire was given and as a strong southeasterly wind was blowing fear and dread filled the entire town, for all knew that they were at the mercy of the flames, as there is no protection from fire whatever. The fire originated in the millinery store of Mrs. May Taylor, a wooden building.

Rock Hill's Water Supply.

Rock Hill, Special.—The Rock Hill Water, Light and Power Company is progressing fine with the new well it has been drilling for some time near the standpipe. The well is 12 inches in diameter, and will be drilled to a depth where abundant water can be secured. At the 125-foot mark a thickness of about 10 feet of granite was drilled through. The work is being done in the most systematic manner, and when completed it is thought the well will furnish an abundant water supply, both for domestic and fire use.

Incendiary Fire in Aiken.

Aiken, Special.—At 2 o'clock Thursday morning the gin house of the Palmetto farms was burned, and everything in the house was lost. The Palmetto farms ginners was one of the best equipped ginners in the county. It operated two fine gins, and the whole ginners had only recently undergone repairs. It is believed that the burning was the act of an incendiary.

Blow to Liquor Drummers.

Columbia, Special.—A bill of more than ordinary interest that was passed at the recent session is one to make it a misdemeanor to solicit orders for liquor. The bill started in the Senate to provide for a fancy license to solicit orders, but it was changed so as to make it a misdemeanor to solicit orders. The Act as approved reads: "Section 1. That each and every person, whether acting for himself or as agent for any person, firm or corporation, who shall conduct the business of liquor drummer, soliciting or receiving orders for Inter-State shipment within any county within this State, except as now authorized by law, any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented, brewed, whether lagar or rice beer, or other liquors or beverages, or any compound or mixture which contains alcohol and is used as a beverage, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction fined in a sum not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment for not exceeding six months, or both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court."

Tried after Twenty Years.

Cheraw, Special.—A case of more than usual interest was disposed of at the Criminal Court for Chesterfield County last week, the case of the State vs. Parker Moore, charged with murder. Nearly twenty years ago, in 1889, Parker Moore, a young man not yet 20, of good family, shot one Jordan, in the leg with a shotgun and immediately surrendered himself to the sheriff, claiming that the deed was done in defence of his own life, and was placed in the county jail to await the result of the injuries to Jordan. Jordan died, and Moore, fearing the drift of public sentiment that ran high on account of several homicides, escaped from jail and went to Texas, where he married and lived quietly with his family until recently when he was brought back and convicted. The sentence was made light and a pardon will be sought at an early day.

Dr. Crum's Successor.

Charleston, Special.—A Washington dispatch says, it is fairly certain that E. W. Durant will become the successor of Dr. Crum as collector of the port. Postmaster W. L. Harris, of the city, and Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock, who is Mr. Harris's close friend, called upon President Taft Monday and consulted with him in regard to the matter. Mr. Harris went to Washington several days ago for the purpose of discussing Crum's successor with the President. The general belief there is that Mr. Durant's name will be sent to the Senate when the extra session begins next Monday, and that there will be no trouble as to confirming the nomination. Mr. Durant is a Yale graduate and a man of considerable means. It is believed that his appointment would give general satisfaction here.

First Death Penalty in About 15 Years.

Laurens, Special.—For the first time in about 15 years a Laurens jury has returned a straight verdict of murder without recommendation to mercy. This occurred Wednesday afternoon in the court of general sessions when the jury returned a verdict of guilty in the case of the State vs. John Henry Anderson for the murder of his father-in-law, Anderson shot and killed old Joseph Carter at the Cedar Grove church at the funeral of one of Anderson's children. Anderson shot Carter in the back and without immediate provocation.

Killing at Seneca.

Columbia, Special.—A special to The State from Seneca, says: Deputy Sheriff W. F. Corbet and his brother, Charles, were killed at the house of J. B. Palmer, near Walhalla, at 10 o'clock Monday night. It is said that Corbet had a warrant for the arrest of one of the Palmers. Palmer, his wife, one of his sons and his daughter are all slightly wounded.

Bitten by Rabid Dog.

Gaffney, Special.—Mr. J. Volney Sarratt, one of Gaffney's most prominent citizens, was bitten by a dog in the city on Friday. He was walking along a street in the mill village, when the dog ran out from a house and bit him pretty severely on one of his legs. The dog later bit a woman of the mill village and was killed by its owner. Mr. Sarratt obtained a madstone from Mr. H. M. Johnson and applied same to the wound with the result that it adhered for about eight hours. He will leave for Atlanta, where he will take the Pasteur treatment.

Uncle Sam's Soldiers Indicted.

Columbia, Special.—President Taylor, of the State Audubon Society, Wednesday secured warrants from Magistrate Fowles here against the eleven Federal soldiers stationed at Fort Moultrie accused in an article in The News and Courier of having robbed an eagle nest of its young on James Island Sunday. Mr. Taylor is having papers sent down for service.

SAME OLD GAME.



—Cartoon by C. R. Macauley, in the New York World.

Mrs. Taft to Make White House a Home

Plans Divorcement of the President's Official Business From His Private Residence—Uniformed Police Gone—Housekeeper Replaces Steward and Negro Footmen Are Doorkeepers.

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. William Howard Taft, "first lady of the land," has assumed duties without public ceremony or oath of office which, in weight of responsibilities, magnitude of importance, delicacy of execution and lack of competition, have no comparison. President Taft is charged under his oath with "executing the office of President." Mrs. Taft is charged, without oath, of administering the social and domestic affairs of the White House. Mrs. Taft will execute these requirements primarily by means of her long experience in public life. She is in full possession of the detailed requirements of her position, and is already making the minor changes in the administration of the executive mansion necessary to meet her own ideas.

The addition of the executive office building permits of an entire divorcement of the official business of the President from the White House proper, and this is to be availed of to the full extent. That the main entrance of the White House may present as near as possible the appearance of a private residence, the uniformed police officers and frock-coated doorkeepers have been eliminated, and in their place are negro footmen in livery. For safety an officer is retained on duty in the miniature office room inside the main entrance, and another on the second floor of the mansion.

The rights of the public are recognized by the maintenance of the hour from noon until 1 o'clock, when admission is granted through the east entrance to the historic East Room and the parlors of the mansion.

Mrs. Taft has abolished the position of steward, and will conduct her domestic arrangements through a woman housekeeper.

While the season of prescribed official dinners is over, it may be predicted that the new tenant of the White House will conduct a series of informal social functions during the special session of Congress which will bring renewed animation and social life to the sedate and sombre structure during the first few months of the Taft regime.

President Taft surprised churches by walking democratically to services at All Souls' Church. He was accompanied by his brother, Charles P. Taft. The crowd of curious that had gathered at the edifice to see the new President were expecting him to arrive in an automobile, and the President and party were at the doors of the church before the Chief Executive had walked through the crowd without being recognized.

There was no demonstration along the street or at the church. When the services were over the President elbowed his way through the crowd

that had again gathered at the doors and on the sidewalk to see him emerge, and with his brother sauntered quietly up Fourteenth street. For some distance a hundred or so of his admirers followed, but they eventually dropped off one by one.

President Roosevelt always caught the crowds on his way to and from church. His rapid gait, and the difficulty the Secret Service men had to keep pace with him always served to attract the attention of passers-by. Mr. Taft declined to walk too rapidly, observed all the conventionalities and altogether was a disappointment.

It was noticed that the two Secret Service agents who kept close to the President wore the conventional frock coat and silk hat which is the distinctive garb of the service operatives.

President Roosevelt never insisted upon this, and as a result the men who watched over him arrayed themselves as they saw fit. The change is taken to mean that President Taft proposes to maintain a more dignified establishment than his free-and-easy predecessor.

After Sunday luncheon the President bestrode Sterret, his newly acquired horse, purchased at Hot Springs, Va., and with General Clarence R. Edwards, his military aid; Captain Archibald Butt and ex-President Roosevelt's orderly, McDermott, went for a twelve-mile ride over the newly constructed Potomac speedway.

Automobiles will be almost the exclusive method of locomotion of President Taft and his family. The White House automobile will have the right of way throughout the District of Columbia and will know no speed limit.

Two fine new automobiles already have been purchased with the \$12,000 appropriated by Congress for this purpose, and Mr. Taft has given them a thorough trial. One is a good weather machine, a big touring car with detachable top, and painted in dark green of three shades. This will be the one most used by the President. The other car has a limousine body painted black, and was purchased for the use of Mrs. Taft. Both bear on each door the official coat of arms of the United States.

The cars are in charge of men sent from the factories, who will turn the machines over to the White House head chauffeur, who will receive \$100 a month. He will have one assistant.

The White House garage will be in the present stables. Besides the two automobiles they will quarter seven horses, which will be at the disposal of Secretary Carpenter and his assistants, or may be used by the Tafts.

The only horses which will be used by President Taft and his family will be the new saddle horse recently purchased in Virginia for the use of the President and any saddle horses required by the other members of his family.

"DECEIT ALL RIGHT TO HOLD A HUSBAND."

Chicago.—"Feminine deceit is all right. Love piracy is all right. Keep your husband loving you by any hook or crook. But for heaven's sake don't go to bed with a quarter of an inch of cold cream on your face to tip him off on how you keep beautiful."

These pregnant thoughts were vouchsafed 300 of Chicago's wives and mothers at the Music Hall, Fine Arts Building, by Mme. Hutton, matrimonial philosopheress to the Windy City's Smart Set.

"I don't care what method a woman uses to make her husband think she's prettier than time has let her be. If she succeeds in that and holds him true to her, cosmetics are the real agent of morality. But scores of married women I know of deserve to lose their husbands. They think so much of him that they leave their toilet articles lying in full sight about the house, confess they go to massage artists, throw rats carelessly about and even admit to strenuous gymnastics to keep down weight and give artificial lustre to sinking eyes."

"Women ought to keep their husbands guessing all the time—just as the coy girl of romance plays hide and seek with the grand passion, until she has her sweetheart groveling and trembling lest the 'Yes' she has secretly meant to say from the start won't be said at all."

"Here's the secret of keeping a husband. Stay beautiful and don't let the male half know the reason. Also, don't eat too much. Given the aid of modern corsets and lacings, the American wife is indefensible if her husband deserts her because she has grown fat."

Football and Baseball Give Harvard a Surplus of \$26,000.

Cambridge, Mass.—A surplus of \$26,091.10 in receipts over expenditures in all lines of Harvard athletics is shown by the report for the college year 1907-08. The total receipts were \$127,318.44 and the total expenditures \$101,227.34. The total net surplus exceeds by \$14,450 the surplus of the previous year, the gain being due in part to increased receipts from football and baseball and in part also to a saving on football coaching and the training table.

Seeks Gold Fifty Years; Finally Gets \$1,000,000.

San Bernardino, Cal.—Harry Patterson, a desert miner, aged seventy-five years, left San Bernardino for Philadelphia to visit relatives whom he has not seen for fifty years. He goes back with a fortune estimated at \$1,000,000, which he will share with his relatives. One of these is a sister, who, when he failed to find gold in California in 1849, gave him all she had, a little more than \$500, to continue his prospecting. He amassed his fortune within the last four years.

TORNADO KILLS 30

Brinkley, Ark. a Scene of Terrible Desolation

THE INJURED NUMBER OVER 50

Reports From the Storm-Swept Arkansas Town Reveal an Appalling Condition.

Brinkley, Ark., Special.—Further details of the great disaster here state that thirty or more lives were snuffed out. 60 people were injured and property estimated to be worth \$1,000,000 was destroyed as a result of the tornado which wrecked this little city Monday night. Of the known dead 14 are white people, the others colored.

Wreckage Piled High.

The tornado hovered about the city only a few minutes but its work of destruction was complete. The Roman Catholic church, standing directly in the path of the storm, alone escaped damage or destruction and stands a grim sentinel on a scene of desolation. Main street and Cypress avenue, the two principal thoroughfares of the town, are impassable and are piled high with wreckage from end to end. Every business house is in ruins and there is hardly a home that has not at least suffered the loss of a roof or wing. The Arlington Hotel was totally demolished. Eighty guests were registered but all escaped uninjured. The Brinkley Hotel, Southern Hotel and Kelly Hotel were all destroyed without loss of life.

Relief squads were at work all day Tuesday caring for the dead and injured. The Rock Island and Cotton Belt Railways have placed cars at the disposal of the relief committee and seeking a temporary refuge at other points nearby. The dead were sent to Helena, from which point interment will take place.

Governor Donaghey arrived from Little Rock in the afternoon in response to a call from the citizens' committee. He has the situation well in hand and says food, clothing and shelter are the things most needed. Hundreds of people are homeless and are wandering about seeking a temporary abode. Three special trains arrived from neighboring towns bringing relief workers, physicians and nurses. The Catholic church has been converted into a hospital and here the doctors and nurses are caring for the injured. The citizens of Helena have generously offered the use of their homes for the destitute. Mass meetings were called for in Memphis, Little Rock and other cities to raise funds and supplies for the storm victims.

Missouri Loses Noted Case.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.—Missouri's 2-cent passenger and maximum freight laws were nullified by a decision handed down Monday in the United States District Court by Judge Smith McPherson, of Red Oak, Iowa. As a result, it is believed there will be a quick return in Missouri to 3-cent fares. Frank Hagerman, for the 18 companies involved, asserted that the decision sounded like the death knell of the 2-cent rate in every State in the Union.

Judge McPherson held that both the commodity and passenger laws were confiscatory and unconstitutional, and Mr. Hagerman declared that it is not conceivable that if the 2-cent rate is confiscatory in Missouri, it can be compensatory in other States.

The State on the other hand, declares emphatically that Missouri's fight over lower rates will continue. Elliot W. Major, Attorney General, who was in court when the decision was reached, said an appeal would be taken and that the present Legislature would be asked to pass new rate laws that would stand the tests of the courts. Governor Hadley made a similar statement.

Government by Commission.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Dr. Charles W. Elliot, retiring president of Harvard University, spent the day here. He discussed "Government by Commission." He maintained that the highest efficiency in municipal government is accomplished by small governing bodies placed in office by universal suffrage. He gave the results of his investigation in Galveston under the commission form.

Hinton Helper a Suicide.

Washington, Special.—Hinton Rowan Helper, a native of Davie county, North Carolina, former United States consul general at Buenos Ayres, committed suicide here Tuesday. He was 80 years old, a veteran of the civil war. The tragic act was committed in a room at 628 Pennsylvania avenue, northwest, by tying a towel about his neck and turning on the gas.

Papers and letters found in the room where Helper took his life revealed the fact that he was evidently deeply interested in only one matter, the project to build a great intercontinental railway, to extend through North, Central and South America.

Virginians Pined For Peonage.

Lynchburg, Va., Special.—In the Federal district court here Tuesday upon pleas of guilty, Judge McDowell entered the following judgments: A. A. Luck, \$1,000; Robert Branfiken, \$500; E. T. Edmunds, \$150, and Samuel Butler and Walter Wildman \$100 each. The accused were indicted at the Roanoke court recently on charges of holding a large number of laborers in involuntary servitude.



GUSTATORY.

You may talk of royal banquets
Till your throat is raw and hoarse;
You may sing the allied virtues
Of each dainty little course;
But I'm going to sing the praises
In a loud and lusty tone
Of the fine old home-made sausage
Buttermilk and hot corn pone.
—The Commoner.

GOT LEFT IN THE RUSH.

"Jessie is engaged to be married."
"The mischief she is! I intended to propose to that girl myself when I got time."—Chicago Record-Herald.

THE LADIES' WAY.

Stella—"Do you do your Christmas shopping early?"
Bella—"Of course, but I never buy till the last minute."—New York Sun.

THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER.

Adam—"I couldn't believe my eyes when I first beheld you!"
Eve (wrathfully)—"So you were expecting some other woman, were you?"—New York Times.

SORRY HE SPOKE.

"Shop early," advised the husband.
"What with?" inquired the wife.
Then silence reigned. —Pittsburg Post.

USES FOR THE AUTO.

"Why don't you put your spare tire in the box?"
"My dear old chap, it's the only thing that'll hold the wife's hat!"—Bystander.

THE DIFFERENCE.

"Marriage is a good thing for single men," said the bridegroom-elect.
"Hum, yes," remarked Mr. Henpeck, "for single men only."—New York Times.

FLIGHTY.

Giggles—"I know what the skyscraper of the future will be."
Goggles—"What?"
Giggles—"An airship."—New York Times.

AIN'T HE A KIDDER.



Whit—"How does the new mare travel?"
Skit—"Fine. Took my girl out sleigh riding yesterday, and she went great. My arms are sore from holding her in."

Whit—"Holding whom in?"
A SELF MADE WOMAN.
Oliver (irritably)—"That woman would differ from the Lord himself."
Olivia—"She has already done so."
Oliver—"In what way?"
Olivia—"On a matter of form."—Judge.

THE REASON.

Celestine—"And has Mr. Pryor's church such a small congregation?"
Hilda—"Yes, indeed. Every time he says 'dearly beloved' you feel as if you had received a proposal."—Bohemian.

A RESPECTABLE FORTUNE.

Little Willie—"Say, pa, what is a 'respectable fortune'?"
Pa—"One that is large enough to make its possessor's opinion on any subject respected, my son."—Chicago News.

THE OTHER SIDE.

"I've been wondering about something."
"About what?"
"I wonder if cooks ever get together and discuss the missus problem."—Kansas City Journal.

LIMITED UNDERSTANDING.

"It does seem strange," remarked the party who seemed to be thinking aloud.
"What seems strange?" queried the innocent bystander.
"That after getting a man into hot water a woman can't understand why he should boil over," explained the noisy thinker.—Chicago News.

FOREHANDED.

"What are you doing, Marie?"
"I am writing all my Christmas thank-you notes now. I shall be too busy and tired after Christmas to want to be polite. I am saying: 'I thank you so much not only for your sweet gift, but for the spirit which prompted it.' That covers everything and sounds real and genteel."—New York Times.